

Minutes.....April 02, 2001

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 2, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson was at the Legislature and Commissioner Rowe was at a dental appointment but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(122) In the matter of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Docket No. D2001.3.29; On March 13, 2001, MDU filed a revision to its Balanced Billing Program to include qualified nonresidential gas and electric customers. The proposed revision is to extend eligibility for enrollment in the program to include those accounts that do not have a demand metered service. Typically this would mean extending the program to include such accounts as churches, schools, motels, small retail stores, restaurants, etc. The program is designed as a customer convenience and does not affect any tariff currently on file, but relates solely to the method of payment. Currently, 12,057 residential customers are participating in the Balanced Billing Program. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the revision to the Balanced Billing Program. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(123) In the matter of Montana Power Company, Docket No. N2001.3.36; On March 27, 2001, MPC filed a motion requesting 90-day protection of proprietary and confidential information submitted in the bidding process on MPC's Request for Proposals on default supply. Pursuant to § 69-3-105, MCA, and ARM 38.2.5003. Commission staff preliminarily granted the 90-day protection, subject to action by the Commission. This protection will continue to June 25, 2001, at which time the information must be returned to MPC and not disclosed. MPC may request that the protection be extended by a protective order. Only the Commission and its staff may have access to the information through this protection. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(124) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 26, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....April 03, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was attending an EPRI function and left written votes on some dockets, and a proxy on the Mountain Water docket to Commissioner Rowe, with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist

(125) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's annual avoided cost compliance filing, Docket No. N2001.1.2; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the QFLT-1 rate schedule. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(126) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water Company's acquisition of Missoula Water Works, Docket No. D2000.12.203; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the acquisition. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Feland, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe cast Commissioner Anderson's proxy aye. Commissioner Brainard dissented.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt

(127) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out-of-state travel for Susan Good to "The Basics" course and for Joel Tierney and Dennis Crawford to attend the Western Region NAPSRS. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioners Brainard, Feland, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote on this issue.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....April 6, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, April 6, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, David Hoffman

(128) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget and personnel matters; Commissioner Rowe Stovall moved to shift the exemption from the economist position number 42100008 to the vacant attorney position number 42100037 and authorize Robin McHugh to undertake to fill that position. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....April 11, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 11, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, David Hoffman, Susan Good, Will Rosquist

(129) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Senate Bill 57; Commissioner Brainard moved to oppose the amendment to exempt Montana-Dakota Utilities and support the bill. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Brainard, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioners Feland and Stovall dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)